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Of all the fine arts, music is that which has most influence on the passions and which the legislator ought the most to encourage.—Napoleon.

Washington usually has one thing after another to hand to Hawaii. But ordinarily we get all we ask.

The principal trouble with these war cloud stories is that they get people thinking in the wrong direction.

As no one, not even the Delegate, knows the details of the McCrosson-Wahila bill, the mystery becomes the deepest ever.

It may be that the President changed his mind on the appointee for Collector of Internal Revenue for Hawaii as he once did on the appointment of a minister to China.

Mr. Cottrill has been good enough to forward his photograph, so there's no mistaking the fact that Cottrill expects to arrive in Honolulu as Revenue Collector with no disguise.

If John McCrosson should ask for the Honolulu water works the people could be hardly more surprised than they are to know that he wants Congress to transfer the rights of the Wahila rights.

Honolulu has candidates for everything in sight except for the privilege of manipulating the first flying machine. That is something that the politicians are ready to turn over to the esteemed friends of the opposition.

While public attention is attracted by the new problems that come up from day to day, the people should not forget that one of the biggest things Honolulu has on its hands is the necessity for killing off the mosquito. The pest does not become less of a danger to public welfare because it has been with us always.

More war talk from Japan by way of Victoria suggests that the Associated Press representative at Victoria, B. C., gives more importance to fulminations of a Japanese newspaper than the Associated Press representative in Tokyo, who is in close touch with the situation. If it is as bad as the morning paper's cable interpretation makes it appear, the Associated Press would not hesitate to spend a few more cents and get the information first hand from Japanese centers.

MCROSSON'S LATEST.

If the people of Honolulu should wake up some morning and find that John T. McCrosson had put a bill before Congress to give him an eternal claim on all the water of the Territory, above ground and below, they would not be more surprised than they are to know that he is after the water rights of the military reservation of Wahila, rights already held by a company organized and operating under the authority of a law enacted by Congress.

The first query that comes to one's mind is, what can McCrosson be driving at?

No one can answer that but McCrosson, and had he desired the people of Honolulu to know, he would doubtless have said something of his plans previous to his departure from the city. And the fact that all attention was centered on the big Kauai ditch scheme previous to McCrosson's departure for Washington, makes more natural the quick conclusion that the Oahu end of the water operation plan is a "gum shoe" proposition, and the Good Lord knows what will be opened up next.

Until McCrosson's side of it is heard, and no one is here to speak for him, the scheme can be discussed only from one standpoint—that of the present rights and inter-

ests established under the authority of Congress.

So far as this paper has been informed the Wahila Water Company, now holding the privileges sought by McCrosson, has conducted its business to the entire satisfaction of the military authorities and the people depending on its supply of water.

This company has done all the pioneer work, taken all the risks, carried on all the development and invested all the capital necessary to prove that the water rights of the military reservation are worth something to the government and to the people generally.

On the face of it, the request of McCrosson is that he be granted the water rights and leave the big dam to the Wahila Water Company.

And also on the face of it, to grant the request would be entirely unnecessary for serving the convenience and needs of the military arm of the government and preeminently unjust to the Water Company, the Wahila settlers, and all those persons who have developed lands, and established industry on the basis of the water derived from the military reservation.

In fact, on the face of it, the whole proposition is so raw that we can hardly believe that it is what it seems, a scheme to walk in and gobble up the fruits of the industry of another, and in so doing, inflict heavy losses on some and ruin on others, all through an act of Congress which aims to repudiate a law passed supposedly in good faith some years ago.

No doubt there is truth in the frequent assertion that the people of Honolulu take snap judgment on too many things and go off half cocked.

It is also true that the custom has become almost a habit for some of our excellent citizens and those not resident in the Territory to bring forth a brilliant idea on what they think should be done in these islands, and the Honolulu public be in entire ignorance of what is being done to them till the scheme is brought out in the form of a bill before Congress.

Both the custom and the habit are bad, dangerous; just as bad and just as dangerous when applied to water and water rights as when including the liquids and beverages that intoxicate.

This McCrosson bill should be held up by all means until more information can be obtained concerning it, and if it prove to be what it seems, should be held up anyway.

THE COLLECTORSHIP.

Hawaii has a real fight on its hands to preserve the principle of priority for residents of the Territory in all appointments to public office, Federal as well as Territorial.

Mr. Cottrill of Toledo, Ohio, has unquestionably been given to believe that he will be appointed to the position of Collector of Internal Revenue for Hawaii.

We have no doubt that Mr. Cottrill is a very excellent and able gentleman, but we are certain that he is not more able, or more deserving or so much entitled to the office of Collector of Internal Revenue as one of many residents of Hawaii.

Our people should by all means reiterate their opposition to the appointment of outsiders to Federal office, when we have capable and patriotic men in our own ranks who can satisfy every demand of the public service.

It should be made known through the proper channels—which means every possible channel—that the American citizens of Hawaii are for local self-government, and recognition of our local people. This is right, when the local people are capable of self-government and there is no doubt of their integrity and loyalty.

The commonwealth of Hawaii is without fault on this score and should be thrice armed because its cause is just.

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idea locally that the internal revenue office here is to have a new head.

Lacked Agreement.
When informed of the cable this morning Governor Frear seemed to be surprised, in view of the statement of George Carter that President Taft had decided not to appoint Cottrill. The Governor intimated that the failure of the people here to agree upon a candidate for the place is mainly responsible for a mainlander being considered. Governor Frear believes that the office referred to in connection with Cottrill is collector of internal revenue and does not refer to collector of customs at all.

(Special Bulletin Correspondence.)
TOLEDO, O., Nov. 28.—Hon.



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GURREY'S

Charles A. Cottrill was born in Findlay, O., December 3, 1863, and moved with his parents to Toledo in 1867. He entered the public schools of this city and was graduated from in June, 1881, having been president of his class during his entire senior year in the high school. He entered the United States Internal Revenue Service at Toledo August 1, 1881, as clerk to the collector, and by a series of promotions rose to the position of general bookkeeper for the tenth collection district of Ohio. During this time he read law relating to that branch of the public service.

He was employed from June 1, 1887, to January 1, 1888, by the treasurer of Lucas County, O., and on the latter date entered the office of the Secretary of State as Columbia as chief of the Division of Incorporation, and continued in that office until January 1, 1893. During that time he specialized in corporation law.

In January, 1893, he was appointed deputy recorder of Lucas County.

O., and filled the duties of that office so satisfactorily that on November 1, 1897, he was promoted to chief deputy, which position he held to the entire satisfaction of the taxpayers and of his chief until September 1, 1910. During these years Mr. Cottrill gave a great deal of time and attention to laws relating to real estate.

Mr. Cottrill has always been prominently and efficiently identified with the Republican party, not only in this city, county and state, but also nationally. He was a member of the Republican State executive committee in 1887, and has been a delegate to or an officer of nearly every State convention since that time and has been an officer in each of the four last national conventions. He has been a speaker in every State campaign since 1887 under the direction of the Republican State executive committee and is a member of that committee.

In 1908 he did effective campaigning throughout this State and in West Virginia and Kentucky. Mr. Cottrill's command of language, his forceful utterances and pleasing personality have made him a popular and effective speaker on State and national issues. He is fervid, aggressive and convincing, and his sincerity, coupled with his accurate knowledge and his ability in presenting facts in a convincing way, have made him a strong factor in every campaign in which he has participated.

Mr. Cottrill is a gentleman of pleasing personality and affable manners, making friends easily and retaining them by reason of his innumerable likeable qualities of heart and mind.

In colored Masonic circles, Mr. Cottrill has taken high rank, having received the 33rd degree in the Scottish Rite and being past grand commander of Ohio Commandery, Knights Templars; has been an officer for years in the colored Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, as well as deputy for Ohio in the colored A. A. S. R. He is a prominent Shriner and has occupied the chair of the Odd Fellows, local and State, and of the Knights of Pythias, now serving as grand chancellor of the latter organization.

REV. BROWN'S PLATONIC FRIENDSHIP INVESTIGATED

Spiritual Poety to Another
Man's Wife Rises a Rumpus.

Poetic friendship for another man's wife has caused some very unpleasant moments for the Rev. Chas. R. Brown, referred to by the Coast papers as the "best-known divine on the Coast." The Rev. Brown has resigned from the pastorate of the First Congregational church of Oakland, Cal., but claims that ill-health is the cause of his withdrawal from the leadership of his flock.

A committee of church officials has investigated the charges that have been whispered louder than stage whispers regarding the intimacy between himself and Mrs. Dr. Martin, a member of his flock, and has returned a verdict that the friendship was purely of the highest order.

The Rev. Dr. Brown was for some time pastor of a church in this city, and is well remembered by many of his former congregation.

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